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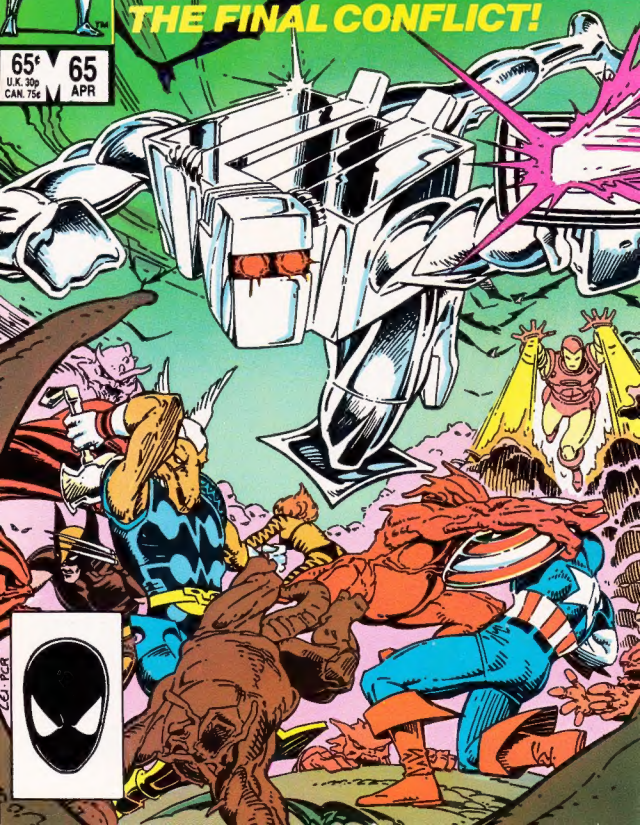


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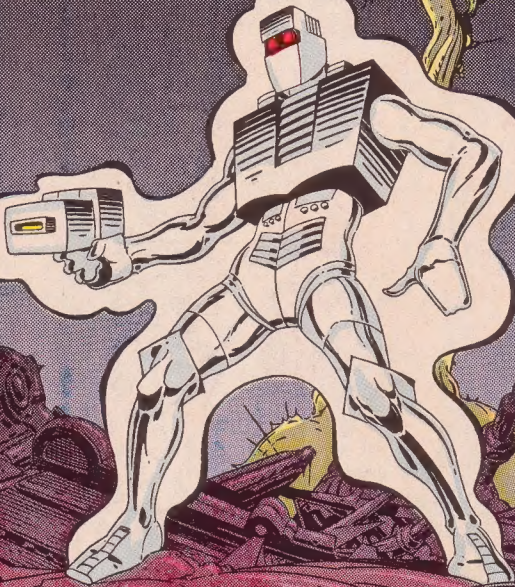


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THE DIRE
WRAITH SPELL
HOLOS ROM,
GREATEST OF
THE SPACEKNIGHTS
ENTHRALLED,
RENDERING BOTH
HIM AND HIS MIGHTY
NEUTRALIZER
POWERLESS
AT THE FATEFUL
MOMENT OF...

DOOMSDAY!



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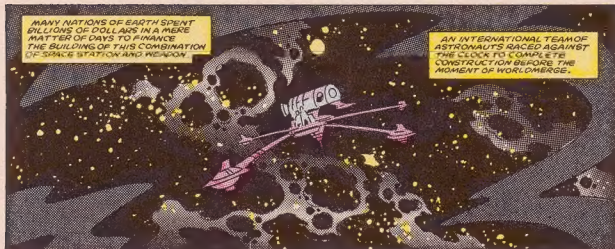
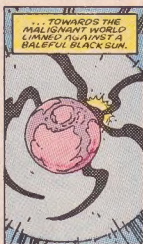
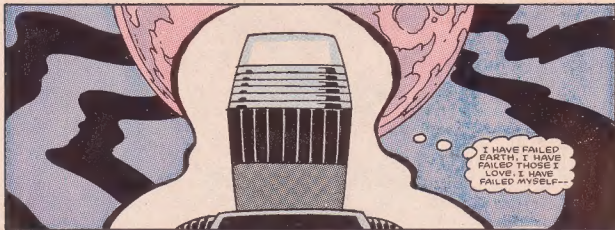
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BUT, THOUGH THE BUILDING OF THE NEONEUTRALIZER WAS A COLLECTIVE UNDERTAKING BY AN IMPERILED PLANET DESPERATELY SEEKING SOME MEANS OF SALVATION...

...IT HAD ITS INCEPTION IN THE BRILLIANT BRAIN OF THE MUTANT INVENTOR MEN CALL FORGE!

ONLY ROM'S NEUTRALIZER CAN POWER MY NEONEUTRALIZER! IF HE'S NOT BACK SOON IT MAY WELL BE TOO LATE TO REVERSE THE ONSLAUGHT OF WORLDMERGE!

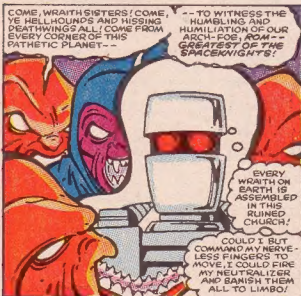
YOU AND THAT ALIEN ARE UP TO SOMETHING, MUTIE. BUT WHATEVER IT IS, YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!

YOUR WEAPON'S GOING TO BE USED TO BANISH EVERY STINKING WRAITH ON EARTH-- AND THEN TO MAKE EARTH SAFE BY ELIMINATING THE EXTRA-HUMAN POWERS OF EVERY MUTANT AND SUPER-POWERED VIGILANTE PLAGUING THE PLANET!

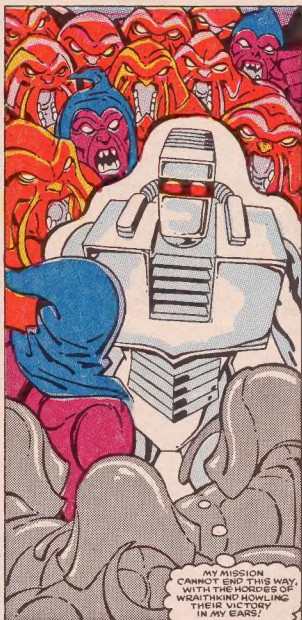
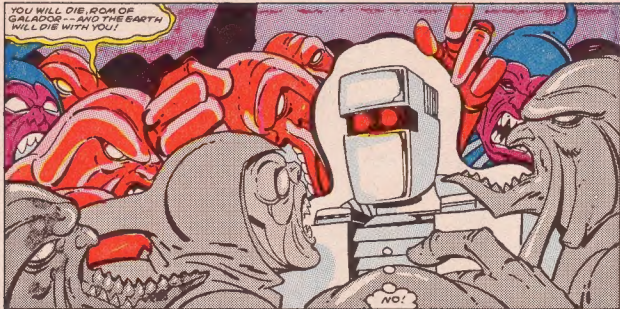
GYRICH IS SO BLINDED BY HIS HATRED FOR ANY BEING POSSESSED OF SUPER-HUMAN POWERS THAT HE CAN'T EVEN DEAL WITH THE PRESENT WRAITH THREAT!

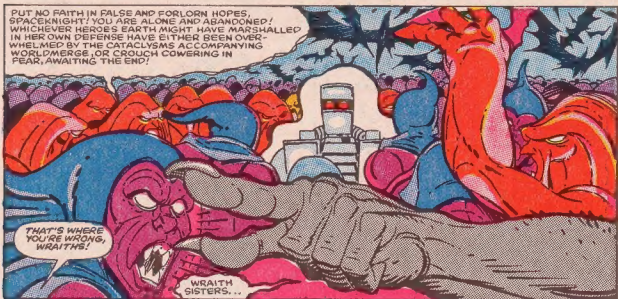
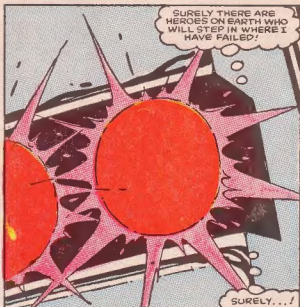
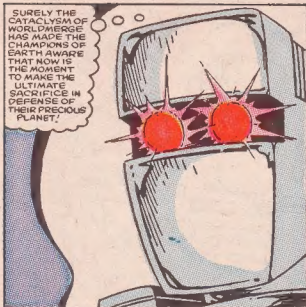
I'M STUCK HERE IN SPACE WITH A MADMAN! DOOMSDAY IS FAST APPROACHING! AND ROM STILL HASN'T RETURNED!

ARRWWWWRRROOOOOO!

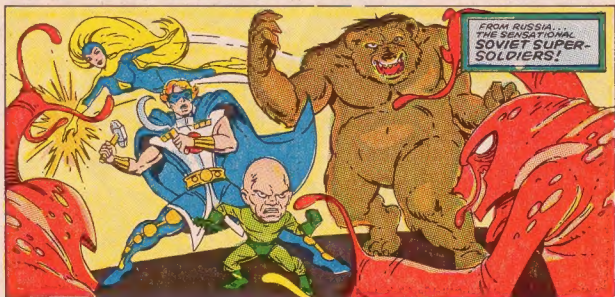
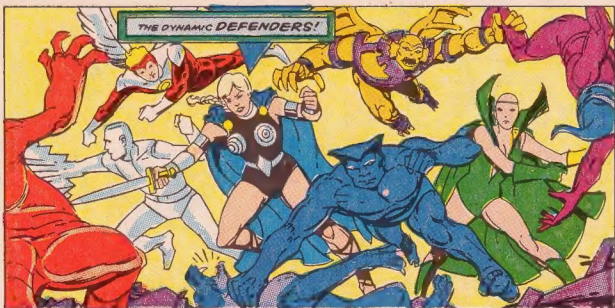


YOU WILL DIE, ROM OF
GALADOR... AND THE EARTH
WILL DIE WITH YOU!









BUT IT IS NOT ONLY THE SUPER-HUMAN THAT FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE OF EARTH! IN THIS, THE FINAL BATTLE OF THE WRAITH WAR, COMMON HUMANITY TAKES UP ARMS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE RACE!

WRAITH-HUNTER RANGERS--CHARGE!



WIELDING THEIR WEAPONS LIKE COMMANDOS BORN, RICK JONES, BRANDY CLARK AND CINDY ADAMS PUSH THROUGH THE SWARTH CUT IN THE WRAITHS' RANKS TO STAND AT THE SIDE OF THE IMMOBILIZED ROM...

OH, ROM-- WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO HIM?

BOUND HIM WITH MAGIC, BRANDY!

THAT'S WHAT THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WRAITH THAT DIED INSIDE MY MIND TELLS ME THEY WOULD HAVE DONE!

ROM'S POWER IS NEEDED TO ENERGIZE THE 'NEUTRALIZER' IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN BREAK THE SPELL?

WE HAVEN'T ANY SPECIAL POWERS OR ABILITIES, RICK, BUT MAYBE WE DON'T NEED THEM!

ALL WRAITH MAGIC IS CONCEIVED IN EVIL-- HATE! PERHAPS WE CAN REVERSE THEIR SPELLS WITH--

AS BRANDY CLARK EMBRACES THE GREAT SILVER SPACEKNIGHT, RICK JONES FEELS A FING OF JEALOUSY...

WHETHER IT IS BRANDY'S KISS AND THE LOVE SHE FEELS IN HER HEART FOR ROM

BRANDY DOES LOVE ROM... EVEN AS I'VE STARTED TO LOVE HER!

... OR A WEAKENING OF THE WRAITHS' SPELLS AS THEY DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST THE HEROES OF EARTH, NONE CAN SAY...

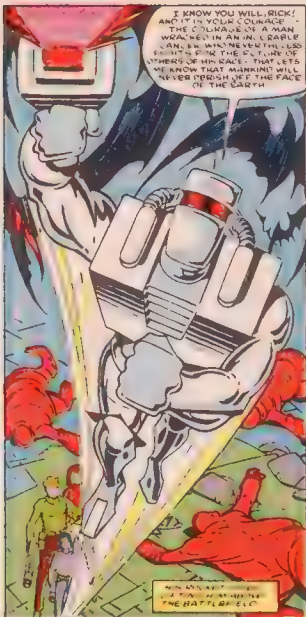
-- BUT THE MYSTIC TIES THAT BOUND THE GALADORIAN GLADIATOR MELT AWAY, AND ROM STANDS READY TO JOIN THE FRAY!

AS I HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE FREEDOM OF MAN, SO HAS HUMANITY FOUGHT TO FREE ME!

NOW LET WRAITHKIND REAP WHAT THEY HAVE SOWN--

-- FOR ROM, SPACEKNIGHT, SHALL FIGHT TO THE DEATH TO DEFEND HIS ADOPTED HOME!

GO TO IT, BIG BUDDY! WE'LL BE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY!



NON-INTER-
UCTION HAS BEEN
THE BATTLEFIELD

... ROM TURNS AND AIMS GALADOD'S GREATEST WEAPON DOWN AT THE ALIEN ENEMY HE HAS FOUGHT FOR OVER 200 YEARS





BUT THERE IS ONE WHO HAS NOT FORGOTTEN...



...ONE WHOSE WRAITH TOUCHED MIND IS PRIVY TO THE WRAITHS' MOST SECRET PLANS!

THIS BATTLE IS ALL WRONG -- A DELAYING TACTIC BY THE WRAITHS!



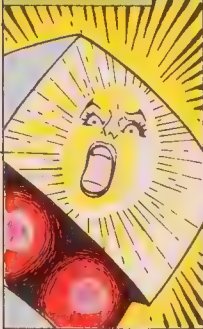
THEY SEEM TO HOLD ROM AND THE HEROES HERE

-- WHILE THE TRUE VICTORY CAN ONLY BE WON IN SPACE!

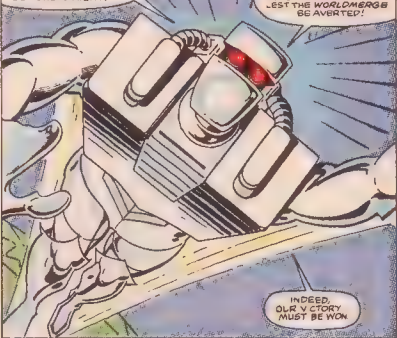


CINDY ADAMS CRIES THAT REVELATION ALOUD...

... AND, MIRACULOUSLY, THE TRUTH OF IT REACHES THE CYRUS CIRCUITRY OF THE SLEEK SILVER SPACEKNIGHT SOARING HIGH IN THE SKY!



I KNOW NOT HOW I HEARD THE CHLIP ABOVE THE DIN, BUT SHE IS RIGHT!

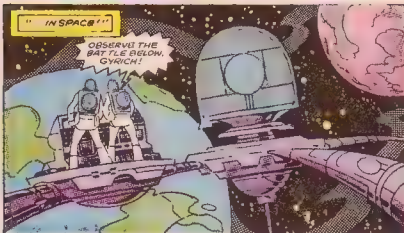


WE COULD BANISH EVERY WRAITH ON EARTH, AND STILL LOSE ALL -- JEST THE WORLD MERGE BE AVERTED!

INDEED, OUR VICTORY MUST BE WON

" IN SPACE! "

OBSERVE THE BATTLE BELOW, CYRUS!



THOSE HEROES FIGHTING SO VALIANTLY IN THE EARTH'S DEFENSE ARE THE SAME BEINGS WHOSE POWERS YOU'D LIKE TO DESTROY!



YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, MUTIE! THEY'RE FIGHTING FOR THEIR OWN SURVIVAL!

HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND, GYRICH? WHAT KIND OF RESENTMENT DRIVES YOU? MUTANTS AND SUPER HEROES LOVE THE EARTH AND HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO LIVE UPON IT AS YOU DO!



THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE LYING, FORGE, BUT I WON'T DEBATE THE POINT WITH ANY STINKING MUTANT!

INSTEAD, I'LL SEIZE CONTROL OF YOUR NEONEUTRALIZER--



- AND USE IT TO DESTROY NOT ONLY THE DIRE WRAITHS, BUT EVERY SUPER-HUMAN BEING ON THE EARTH AT THE SAME TIME! UNNGH!

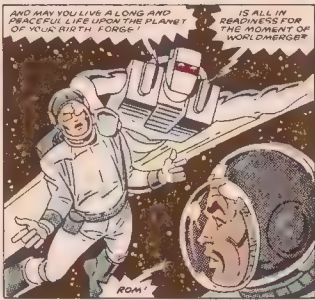
NOT WITH MY WEAPON YOU WON'T, MAGMAN!

NOT WHILE I LIVE!



AND MAY YOU LIVE A LONG AND PEACEFUL LIFE UPON THE PLANET OF YOUR BIRTH, FORGE!

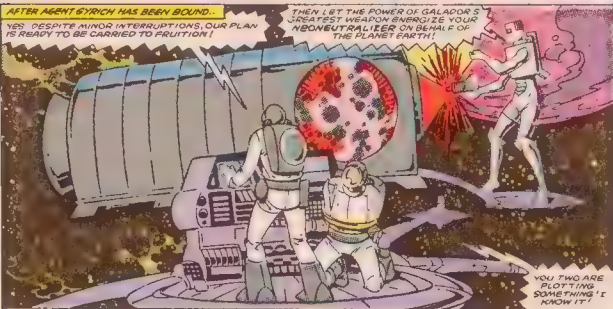
IS ALL IN READINESS FOR THE MOMENT OF WORLDMERGE?



AFTER AGENT GYRICH HAS BEEN BOUND...

YES, DESPITE MINOR INTERRUPTIONS, OUR PLAN IS READY TO BE CARRIED TO FRUITION!

THEN LET THE POWER OF GALADOR'S GREATEST WEAPON ENERGIZE YOUR NEONEUTRALIZER ON BEHALF OF THE PLANET EARTH!



YOU TWO ARE PLOTTING SOMETHING! I KNOW IT!



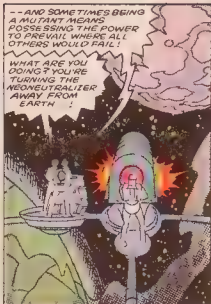
TRULY REASON
ELUDES YOU,
HUMAN!

WHAT WOULD FORGE AND
I BE "PLOTING" AT
THIS CRITICAL TIME SAVE
THE SALVATION OF
EARTH?



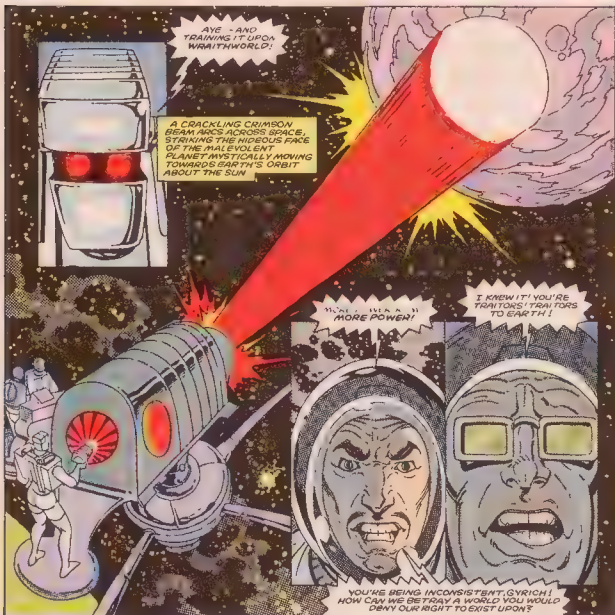
MAYBE YOU MEAN TO SAVE
BARTH FOR YOUR OWN KIND!
MAYBE YOU INTEND TO TURN
EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD
INTO FREAKS LIKE YOUR
SELVES!

SOMETIMES BEING
A MUTANT IS A
CURSE I WOULDN'T
WISH ON ANOTHER
LIVING SOUL,
GYRICH!



-- AND SOMETIMES BEING
A MUTANT MEANS
POSSESSING THE POWER
TO PREVAIL WHERE ALL
OTHERS WOULD FAIL!

WHAT ARE YOU
DOING? YOU'RE
TURNING THE
NEONEUTRALIZER
AWAY FROM
EARTH!



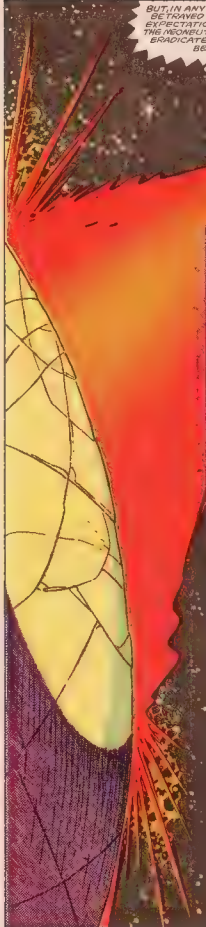
AYE - AND
TRAINING IT UPON
WRAITHWORLD!

A CRACKLING CRIMSON
BEAM ARCS ACROSS SPACE,
STRIKING THE HIDEOUS FACE
OF THE MALEVOLENT
PLANET MYSTICALLY MOVING
TOWARDS BARTH'S ORBIT
ABOUT THE SUN

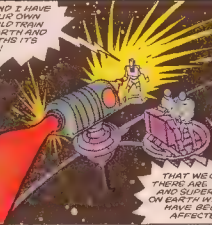
MORE! WE WANT
MORE POWER!

I KNEW IT! YOU'RE
TRAITORS! TRAITORS
TO EARTH!

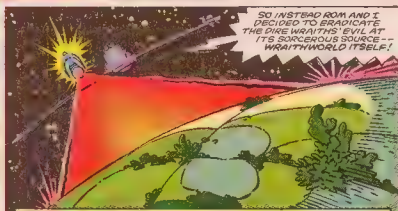
YOU'RE BEING INCONSISTENT, GYRICH!
HOW CAN WE BETRAY A WORLD YOU WOULD
DENY OUR RIGHT TO EXIST UPON?



BUT, IN ANY EVENT, FORGE AND I HAVE
BETRAYED NOTHING SAVE YOUR OWN
EXPECTATIONS, THAT WE WOULD TRAIN
THE NEONEUTRALIZER UPON EARTH AND
ERADICATE WHATEVER WRAITHS ITS
BEAM FOUND THERE!



THAT WE COULD NEVER DO!
THERE ARE TOO MANY MUTANTS
AND SUPER-BEINGS EXISTING
ON EARTH WHOSE POWERS MIGHT
HAVE BEEN TANGENTIALLY
AFFECTED BY MY WEAPON!

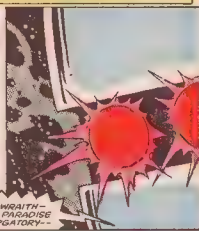


SO INSTEAD ROM AND I
DECIDED TO ERADICATE
THE DIRE WRAITHS' EVIL AT
ITS SORCEROUS SOURCE--
WRAITHWORLD ITSELF!

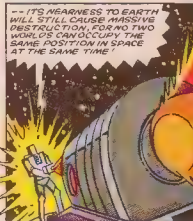
WHEREVER THE NEONEUTRALIZER BEAM TOUCHES THE ONCOMING
PLANET, DREADFUL BLACK MAGIC GIVES WAY TO BEAUTY, THE HARSH
HORROR OF ITS SURFACE SOFTENS... AND FLOWERS BEGIN TO BLOOM.



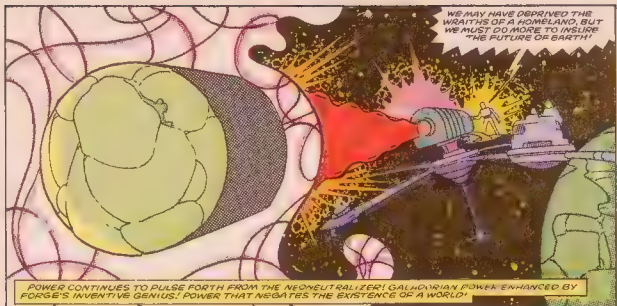
WE'RE STILL IN
TROUBLE, ROM!



AYE! BE WRAITH--
WORLD, A PARADISE
OR A PURGATORY--



-- ITS NEARNESS TO EARTH
WILL STILL CAUSE MASSIVE
DESTRUCTION, FOR NO TWO
WORLDS CAN OCCUPY THE
SAME POSITION IN SPACE
AT THE SAME TIME!

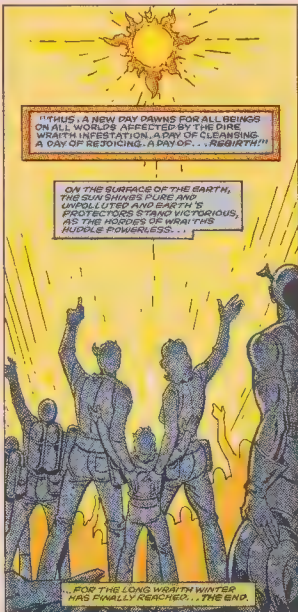


WE MAY HAVE DEPRIVED THE WRAITHS OF A HOMELAND, BUT WE MUST DO MORE TO INSURE THE FUTURE OF EARTH!

POWER CONTINUES TO PULSE FORTH FROM THE NEONEUTRALIZER! GALACTIC POWER ENHANCED BY FORGE'S INVENTIVE GENIUS! POWER THAT NEGATES THE EXISTENCE OF A WORLD!

WRAITHWORLD!
IT IT'S... GONE!

WRAITHWORLD WAS A PLANET BORN IN THE BLACK LIGHT OF A SORCEROUS SUN! ONCE WE NEGATED ITS MAGIC, IT COULD NOT CONTINUE TO EXIST. YES, WRAITHWORLD IS GONE, AND WITH IT HAS PASSED ANY PERIL WRAITHKIND MIGHT HAVE POSED TO EARTH.

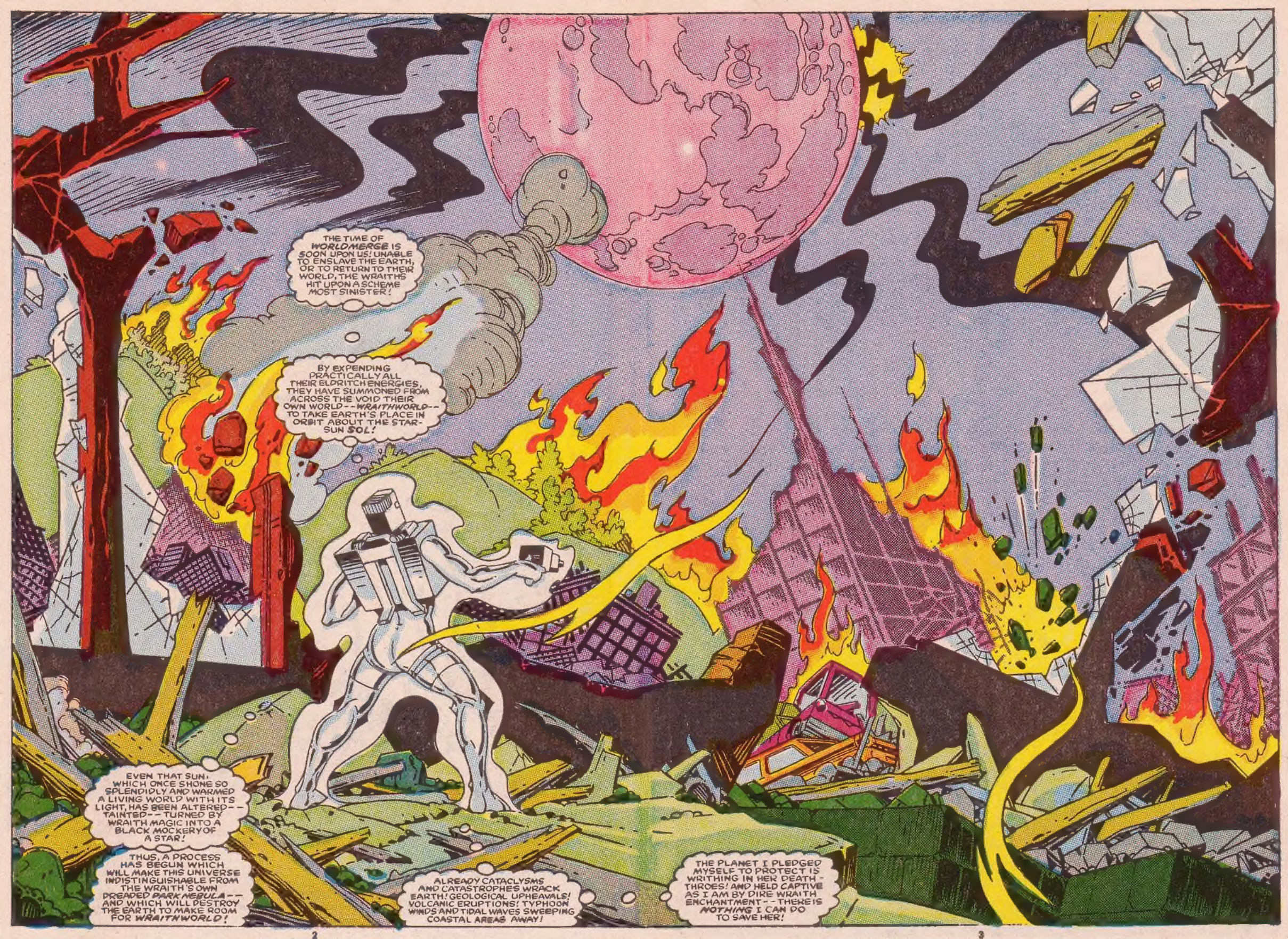


"THUS, A NEW DAY DAWNS FOR ALL BEINGS ON ALL WORLDS AFFECTED BY THE DIRE WRAITH INFESTATION. A DAY OF CLEANSING. A DAY OF REJOICING. A DAY OF... REBIRTH!"

ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH, THE SUN SHINES PURE AND UNPOLLUTED AND EARTH'S PROTECTORS STAND VICTORIOUS, AS THE HORDES OF WRAITHS Huddle POWERLESS...

NOT ONLY TO EARTH, FORGE, WRAITHWORLD WAS THE POUND OF THE DIRE WRAITHS' SORCEROUS POWERS. WITH THEIR PLANET GONE, THEIR RACE HAS CEASED TO BE A MENACE FOR ALL TIME.

...FOR THE LONG WRAITH WINTER HAS FINALLY REACHED... THE END.



THE TIME OF
WORLD MERGE IS
SOON UPON US! UNABLE
TO ENSLAVE THE EARTH,
OR TO RETURN TO THEIR
WORLD, THE WRAITHS
HIT UPON A SCHEME
MOST SINISTER!

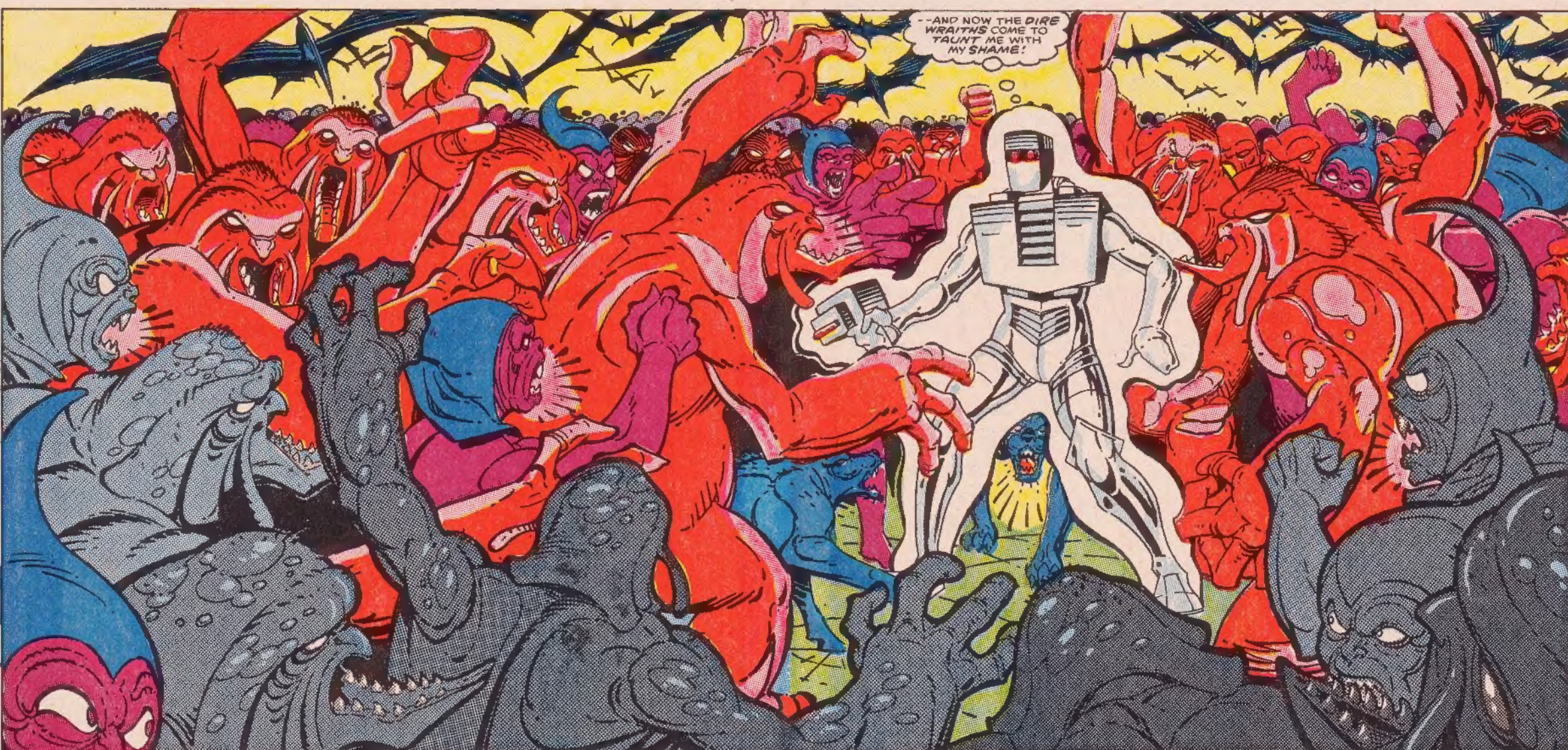
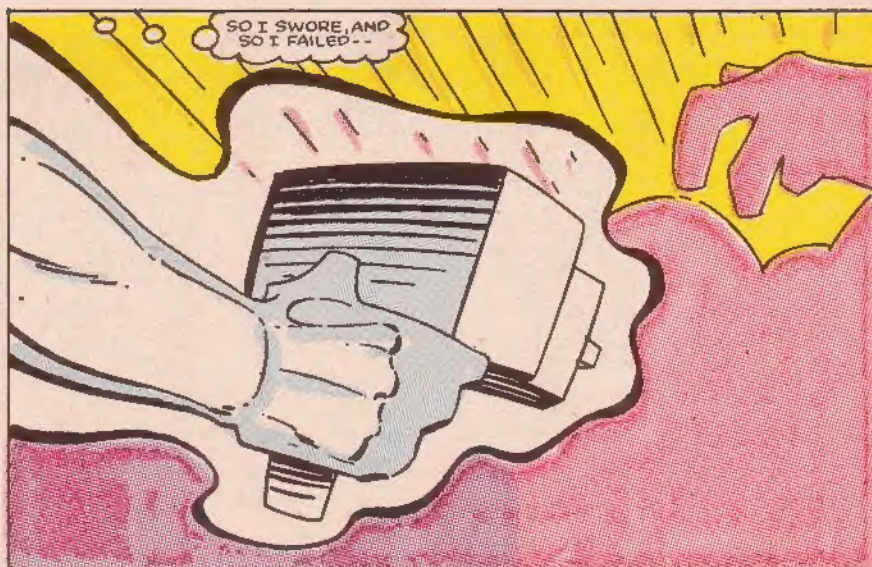
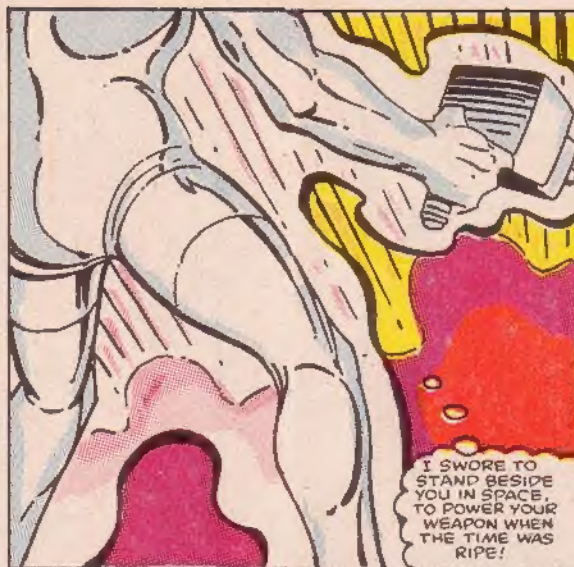
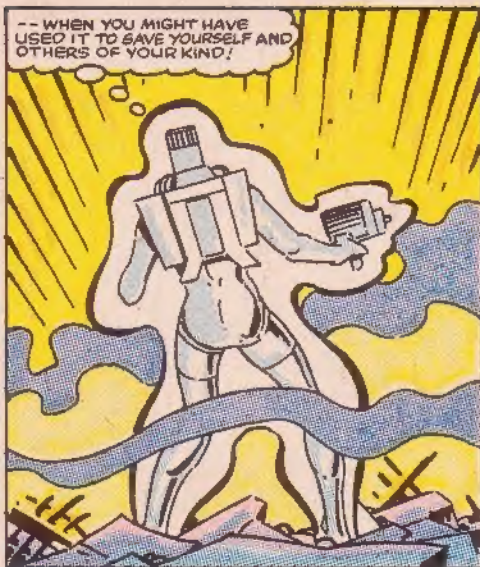
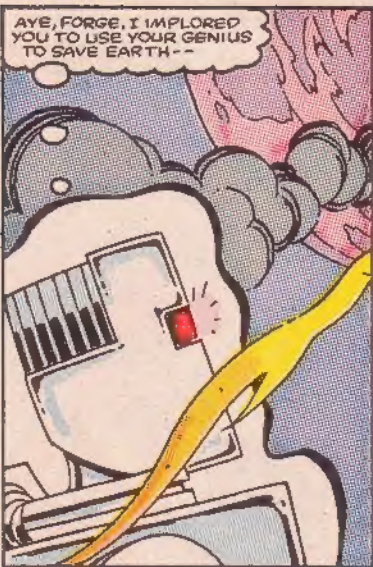
BY EXPENDING
PRACTICALLY ALL
THEIR ELDRITCH ENERGIES,
THEY HAVE SUMMONED FROM
ACROSS THE VOID THEIR
OWN WORLD--WRAITHWORLD--
TO TAKE EARTH'S PLACE IN
ORBIT ABOUT THE STAR--
SOL!

EVEN THAT SUN,
WHICH ONCE SHONE SO
SPLENDIDLY AND WARMED
A LIVING WORLD WITH ITS
LIGHT, HAS BEEN ALTERED--
TAINTED--TURNED BY
WRAITH MAGIC INTO A
BLACK MOCKERY OF
A STAR!

THUS, A PROCESS
HAS BEGUN WHICH
WILL MAKE THIS UNIVERSE
INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM
THE WRAITH'S OWN
DREADED DARK MIRROR--
AND WHICH WILL DESTROY
THE EARTH TO MAKE ROOM
FOR WRAITHWORLD!

ALREADY CATACLYSMS
AND CATASTROPHES WRACK
EARTH! GEOLOGICAL UPHEAVALS!
VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS! TYPHOON
WINDS AND TIDAL WAVES SWEEPING
COASTAL AREAS AWAY!

THE PLANET I PLEDGED
MYSELF TO PROTECT IS
WRITHING IN HER DEATH-
THROES! AND HELD CAPTIVE
AS I AM BY DIRE WRAITH
ENCHANTMENT--THERE IS
NOTHING I CAN DO
TO SAVE HER!



THE SITUATION IS EVERY BIT AS GRIM AS RICK JONES' RADIO-ALERT DESCRIBED IT, HERCULES!

AWE, VERILY, CAPTAIN MARVEL!

EARTH'S WOULD-BE SAVIOR STANDS, ENTRANCED WHILE EARTH'S ENEMIES FLOCK THICK ABOUT HIM!

THEN LEAP INTO THE BREACH, AVENGERS!

FOR EARTH...

... AND FOR ROM, SPACEKNIGHT!

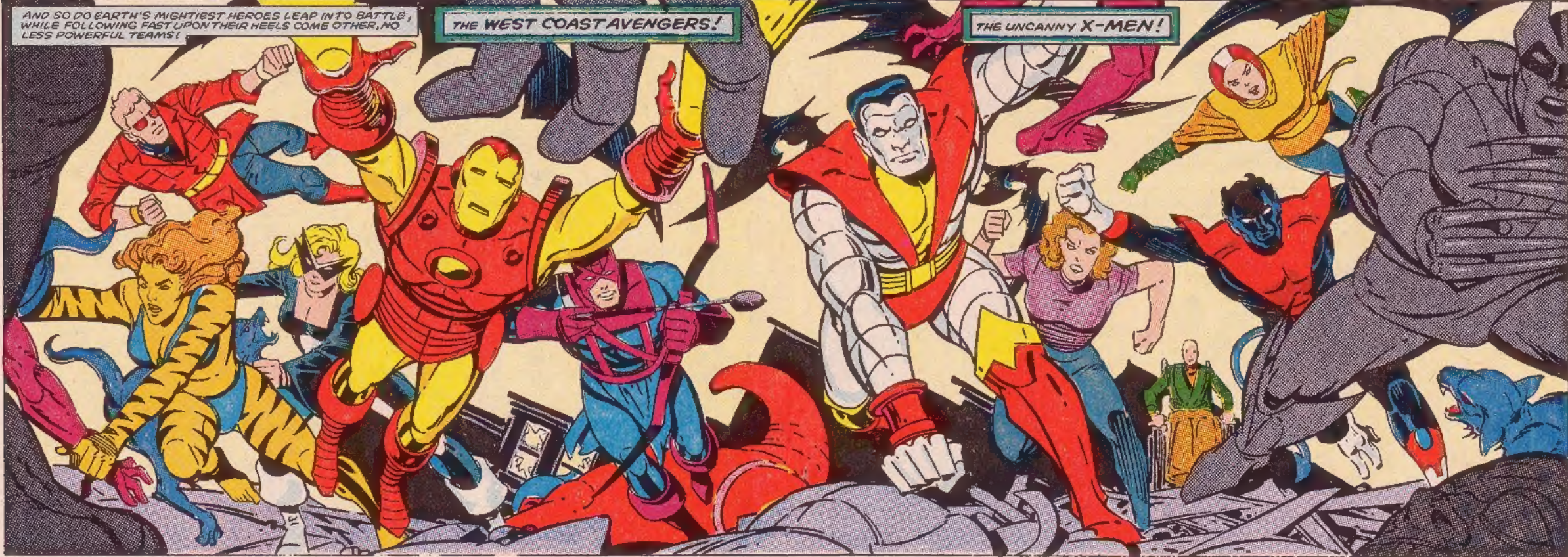
AND MAYHAP FOR THE FATE OF ALL WORLDS FOR ALL TIMES TO COME!



AND SO DO EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES LEAP INTO BATTLE, WHILE FOLLOWING FAST UPON THEIR HEELS COME OTHER, NO LESS POWERFUL TEAMS!

THE WEST COAST AVENGERS!

THE UNCANNY X-MEN!



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